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In re Patent Application of:  
Jin et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SCORE  
NORMALIZATION FOR INFORMATION  
RETRIEVAL APPLICATIONS

Examiner: A. M. Mofiz

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. The enclosed Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time extends the deadline for response until January 26, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.